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A BUSINESS POEM.

By B. Y. SINGLETON.

If you would a lasting benefit receive,
Let no one by any means deceive;
But let this you embolden
To buy cheap of McDougall & Golden.

When you have money to invest,
In hat, cap, coat or vest;
Examine the fine stock of Gebhards,
And let nothing you retard.

If you want to see a thousand pretty things,
That would satisfy the people's whims;
Call and buy them of Thos. Fisher,
And thereby make him your well-wisher.

The best in town, you bet,
Go to Mr. Rathgeber's store,
And buy 500 dollar's worth or more.

When you want a stove or spoon,
Go to Tom. Coneys, the lucky hardware "coon;"
Hurry up and get there soon,
And buy till you see the moon.

When you want the best boots and shoes,
Ever made by Gentiles or Jews,
Go to the North Side Shoe Store,
And buy a pair or more.

When you want a suit from head to toe,
Go to the store of Harms, Levering & Co.;
For many fine goods they do show,
And this you well do know.

If you want to be shaved in first-class style,
And shampooed till you smile,
Go to Albert & Spanke,
Who, as barbers, stand in the first rank.

Now, let me say, to great and small,
If you want the best drink of all;
Walk right into social hall,
And call on Bela Paul.

When you want to see dry goods murder,
Go to Uncle Mat. Hainsfurther;
And don't be surprised if before very long
He sells goods for a little song.

Then, oh what a crowd would gather at his store,
Waiting their turn to sing Pinafore;
Go to Uncle Mat's many times,
And buy goods of many kinds.

Go to the Broadgage firm,
And of them be pleased to learn,
That their goods are in price so low,
That they go off not slow.

And if you want fine boots and shoes,
And a large stock from which to choose,
And cheap enough to cure the blues,
Your money Laning & Wright won't refuse.

Step over to the Corner Drug Store,
Where there's many things for rich and poor,
And buy them at the very lowest price,
Things that are extremely nice.

When you want a suit made in such style
As would make everybody smile,
Try Mr. Mullen's square and tape,
Before it is for you too late.

When you want a stove or tin pan,
Cheap as you can buy of any other man,
Go to the store of M. Kahn,
For he's a very gentlemanly man.

If you have a handsome wife,
And with her would live a happy life,
Go to Mr. Stewart's store,
And buy for her a thousand pretty things or more.

If you want to see a grand display,
And trade where it will you well repay,
Go to Wright & Thompson, for they sell cheap,
And don't you it a secret keep.

When you want furniture both good and nice,
And almost without price,
Go to Conant & Son,
And buy it by the ton.

And if you expect to die of hard coughing
Engage of Conant & Son a fine casket or coffin,
And be sure to write it in your will,
That you must be buried on Rose Hill.

When fine goods you do crave,
Go and deal with our old friend Dave,
One of the firm of dry goods pioneers,
And been well patronized for many years.

When you want the best mutton chop,
Go to John Walker's shop,
And buy it by the peck,
When you have a dollar check.

Go to the store of O. M. Small,
And buy many things, sweeter than gall,
Buy those things for which the children

And never stop till you buy the
If you want a suit made very nic
For a very moderate price,
Go to the celebrated Bernard Sa
Who is ready for a call.

When you have a good will,
Your stomach well to fill,
Try VanBuren's best beef steak,
With a little buckwheat cake.

When you want to deal with a nice talker,
Go to the store of Albert Walker;
And buy good bargains in his line,
And this you may expect every time.

If you want something extremely nice,
That would a delicate appetite entice,
Go to the restaurant of Billy Kern,
And be well served in turn.

When you want some place to dine,
Go to the restaurant of Jacob Stein,
Where you can eat in little time,
Where the meats are cooked so fine.

If you want your postal business done first-rate,
Call on Miss Rebecca Snape;
She's pretty, pleasant and polite,
And will wait on you just right.

If you have symptoms of a swoon,
Call at the Green Tree Saloon;
And try some of St. John's best,
And take enough to give you rest.

If you want a little fun,
Go to the father and the son;
At fine harness take a peep,
Then buy them shamefully cheap.

If you are not to any one beholden,
Then buy your coal of Mr. Golden.
His shaft is by the river side,
And his platform very wide.

I have many more pleasing rhymes,
But some complained of hard times,
And were not willing to pay five dimes
For many good business rhymes.

Whether times be soft or hard,
Let those be patronized who patronize the bard,
And when for you I work hard,
May this poem be your winning card.

If you're not a hardened sinner,
When its fast coming winter,
Remember well the poet,
And don't forget the printer.

If you'd sell goods fast the coming winter
Patronize the poet and the printer;
When we tender to you our aid,
Shall we be a little something paid?

And when you want some more rhymes,
Please don't forget the dimes;
For we as well as you,
Need a little something too.

Now if you learn that I'm ill off,
Will you at me in my poverty scoff;
Or will you conclude to act like a brother,
And let us all help one another.

Perhaps you would like to know,
Who this poem does bestow;
And when I tell I'm the poet of the woods,
Can you not see I need dry goods.

Now for the present let me bid you farewell,
Hoping that many goods you may sell;
And may you have a happy dream,
And I enjoy your high esteem.

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